

BURSTING SELTZER BOTTLE CUTS LEG OF CLUB MEMBER

Diplomat, Celebrating New Year, Victim of Odd Mishap—Name Withheld.

One of the most prominent members of the Metropolitan Club, the city's most exclusive organization, and said to be a member of the Washington diplomatic set, today is wearing a heavy bandage around his leg, and is suffering from an ugly wound, caused by the explosion of a seltzer bottle on a table around which a small party was celebrating the passing of the old year, and the arrival of the new.

The accident occurred Saturday night, but it did not become publicly known until today. Every effort to keep secret the identity of both the victim and of the other members of the party, is being made.

Sworn to Secrecy.

With the exception of the other six members of the party, all of whom are said to be representatives of foreign governments in the diplomatic service, only two waiters at the club know the identity of the victim. They have been sworn to secrecy. A number of the club's members now are trying to learn who composed the party and the name of the victim. Thus far even they have failed.

A taxi cab, dashed up to the Emergency Hospital early Sunday morning, said Dr. Colby, one of the physicians at the latter institution, "and a man with a decided German accent was assisted to alight. He was suffering from a deep cut on the right leg. His companion, who managed to tell me in a mixture of French, German, Italian, and English, was a foreigner, and, from his general deportment and from the few words he let fall about keeping the whole matter a secret, I judge he, too, is a member of the diplomatic set."

Seven in Party.

It became known today that the party of seven was one of an unusual character. Seven different nationalities were represented at it, and as many different languages were spoken. Following the explosion, there was a regular bedlam of sounds emanating from the room, but after two waiters in adjoining hall admitted themselves, the doors were locked, temporary bandages placed on the injured limb, and the victim rushed to the hospital.

Since it became known that a member of the club was injured by the explosion, and his identity hidden, the other members of that organization are carefully noting the walk of their fellows, keeping a close watch for any signs of a limp which will reveal the victim.

Birthday Anniversary For Prominent Men

Birthday congratulations are in order today to the following:

Henry M. Plagier, Standard Oil magnate and railroad builder, who is eighty-two years old; Miss M. Cary Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, aged fifty-five years old; Frederick P. Oppen, cartoonist, also fifty-five years old; Major Jesse M. Lee, U. S. A., retired, who is sixty-nine years old.

This also is the birthday of Gordon Grant, one of the noted railway builders of Canada. Mr. Grant is forty-seven years old today. He has done construction work for the Argentine government, and since 1909, has been chief engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission of Canada.

Hurt in Train Crash.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 2.—Four persons were seriously injured and several others badly shaken up when an east-bound passenger train on the Southern railroad, bound from St. Louis to Louisville, collided with a freight train near Crandall Station, fifteen miles west of here. Those seriously injured are S. S. Osgood, Louisville, Ky., back wrenched; John Striegel, Louisville, Ky., injured internally; G. L. Tucker, Caswell, Ind., cut by broken glass; Mrs. Jacob Entorling, Corydon, Ind., back wrenched and cut by broken glass.



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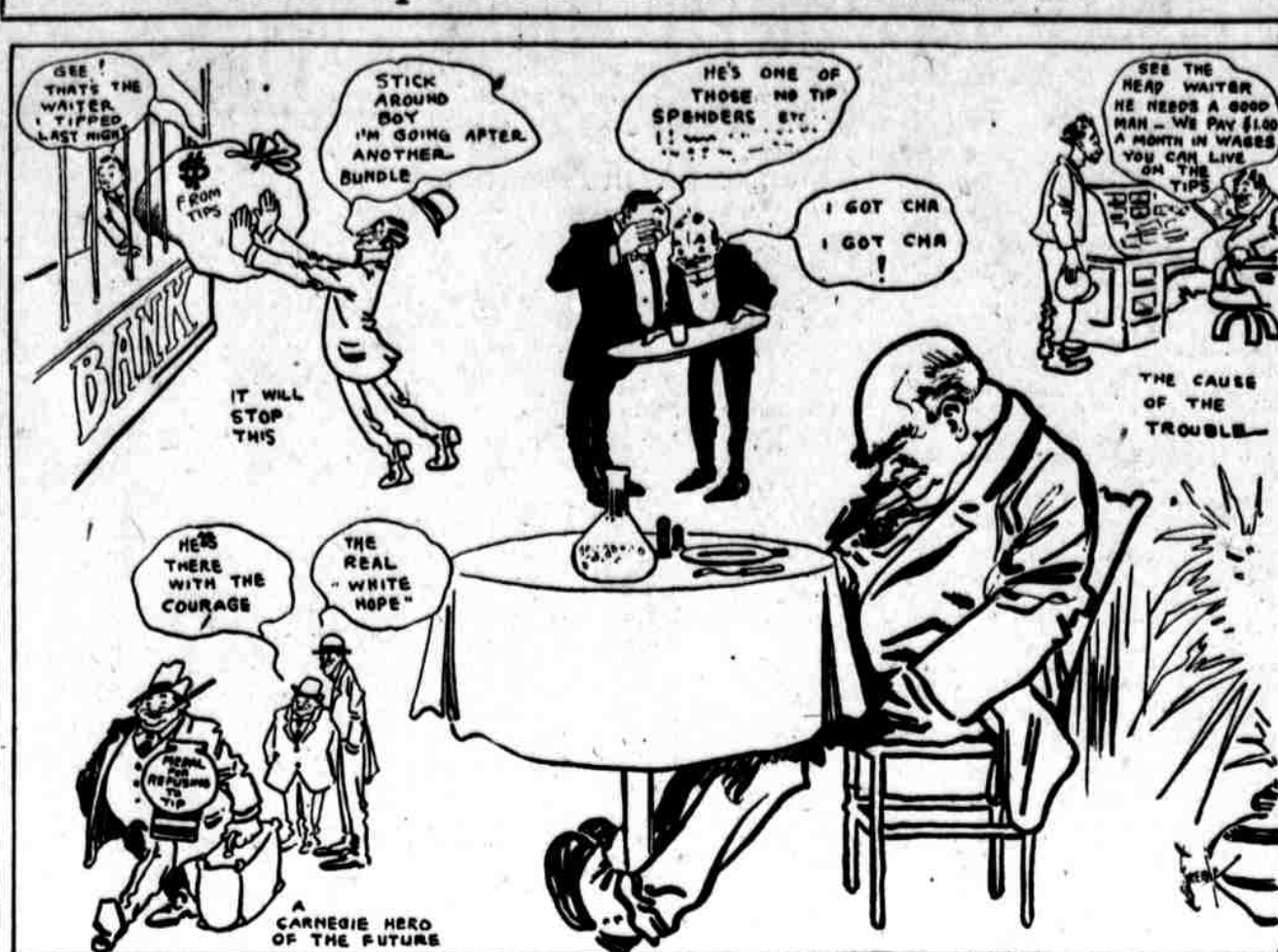
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Anti-Tip Folks Are Now On the Job



Higher Education Makes Beauty, He Says

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Boston University is plentifully supplied with young women who are beautiful, Lemuel Murlin, president of that institution, says. The higher education, he holds, is conducive to beauty, for with it goes physical training along scientific principles whereby grace and symmetrical development accrue.

There are plenty of young women in Boston University," he said, "who come up to my ideal of what constitutes the real type of beauty of womanhood. I believe, like the old adage, 'Handsome is as handsome does.' I cannot conceive of any woman being considered beautiful who does not possess, first of all, beauty of character, or, in a word, womanliness. If she has that, it will manifest itself in all the different activities of life.

Boston's Exclusive Toy Theater Opened

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The Toy Theater, Boston's newest, most exclusive, and tiniest playhouse, was opened for the first time last night, and was crowded to its limit, 120 persons.

It was a unique premise for a theater. There was no shouting of spectators on the sidewalk, no eager ticket agent trying to hear through a round hole in the box office, because the box office doesn't exist, and inside there was no "paper" and none of the accessories of the mercantile methods of amusing people.

Rene Samson, Instructor At Central High, Is Ill

Word was received at Central High School this morning that Rene Samson, head of the French department, is ill in Chicago and will be unable to come on to Washington for some time. Mr. Samson left at the beginning of the holidays with his daughter to visit his father. Both Mr. Samson and his daughter are confined to their beds.

Great Atlantic Fleet Assembling in Roads

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2.—Preparatory to their departure for Guantanamo, the battleships and cruisers of the Atlantic

fleet are gathering in Hampton Roads. The New Jersey, New Hampshire, and Nebraska arrived yesterday and the Virginia, Louisiana, and several others are on the way. By tonight it is expected that twenty battleships and cruisers will be here. The torpedo boat flotilla now at the yard will join the fleet in a few days. The battleship Kansas, now undergoing repairs here, is due to sail on Wednesday.

It is probable that the battleships Nebraska and New Hampshire will not be able to join the fleet.

Admiral Osterhaus, commanding the Atlantic fleet, will have his quarters on the new dreadnought Florida instead of the Connecticut.

The fleet will have strenuous work before it returns in March. Battle practice with the ships stripped as in warfare will be one feature of the game.

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Pony Fur Coats	52-inch	Formerly sold to \$55.00	\$42.50
French Seal Coats	52-inch	Formerly sold to \$75.00	\$50.00
Caracul Fur Coats	52-inch	Formerly sold to \$95.00	\$75.00
Hudson Seal Coats	52-inch	Formerly sold to \$200.00	\$125.00
Brown Pony Coats	52-inch	Formerly sold to \$95.00	\$75.00
Black Fox Sets		Formerly sold to \$40.00	\$26.50
Red Fox Sets		Formerly sold to \$42.50	\$30.00
Blue Fox Sets		Formerly sold to \$40.00	\$31.50
Cross Fox Sets		Formerly sold to \$55.00	\$42.50
Large Mink Sets		Formerly sold to \$190.00	\$125.00

NATION-WIDE THE PLEDGE IS SPREAD NEVER AGAIN TO TIP

Drummers Begin New Year
With Resolution to Cut
Expense Habit.

Throughout the land today thousands of determined drummers are resolving never again—never—with serious face and solemnity of bearing, to tip waiter, chambermaid, or other human accessories to the hostelry.

It is the first big swat at the tipping system, or, in other words, the putting into effect of a determination on the part of the members of the Commercial Travelers' National League to stamp out the evil.

Not without investigation and a weighing of the cost did the traveling men decide to brave the ordeal of rocketing the change after eating, and then passing up the cloak room boy or girl with nothing of more value than a "thank you." A committee pondered long over the dire results of declaring war on the waiters, the bell hops, et al, but in the end thought that the saving of cash would be sufficient redress for the scornful glances and accusations of being a "cheap guy."

It is the longface himself and not the humble tippees who are held responsible for the tipping evil. This is made plain by the leaguers in public announcements to the effect that the days of the glitzy proprietors are gone and in his place has come the manager who seeks to prey on the weakness of human nature and offer invitation for the practice of the tipping nuisance. "Are you willing to do your part by being a man and insisting upon your rights and privileges, for which you pay adequately by contract, without feeling

waiters, porters, and other hotel servants?" Members of the league are replying with a loud "yes," and included among their resolutions today is the one that henceforth nary a tip from them. President Howe says that most proprietors and hotel attaches believe that their "victims" are such moral cowards that the crusade to abolish tipping will fall flat, but he is firmly of the opinion that the resolution will stick long after the makers have tumbled off the water wagon, and started smoking again, and that 1912 will find drummers coldly ignoring the waving palm.

Hospital in Coal Mine.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., Jan. 2.—The first underground emergency hospital in Illinois was opened in one of the largest coal mines in this vicinity. It is designed to give first aid to the injured. Officers of the State mine rescue corps gave their approval after an inspection. It will be recommended as a model for similar hospitals. The hospital is built in the heart of the mine and has concrete walls guaranteed against cave-ins and small explosions.

Wilson Ahead in A Nebraska Poll

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 2.—A poll just taken shows that 40 per cent. of the Democratic editors of Nebraska are for Gov. Woodrow Wilson for President. Governor Harmon, of Ohio, is a poor third, despite the fact that efforts have been made to perfect a Harmon organization in the State.

Forty-two of the seventy-one Democratic editors replied to letters asking for their preferences. The result was: First choice, Wilson, 17; Champ Clark, 8; Harmon, 7; Folk, 4; Bryan, 5; La Follette, 1. Second choice—Clark, 12; Wilson, 12; Harmon, 8; Folk, 5; scattering, 5.

Boycott Not Success.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from Odessa says that the effort of the armistice there to organize a boycott of American goods is meeting with small success owing to the popularity of American machinery.

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